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| 1. $\boxtimes$ This communication is responsive to <u>communications filed</u>  | 7/25/03, 6/9/04 and 12/8/04.   |   |
| 2. X The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 4, 2, 5, 3 and 6 which will ap  | pear as 1-6 respectively in the pater  | <u>ıt</u> .   |
| 3. $\boxtimes$ The drawings filed on <u>25 July 2003</u> are accepted by the Ex   | aminer.  |   |
| <ul> <li>4.  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority ur</li> <li>a)  All b)  Some* c)  None of the:</li> <li>1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have</li> <li>3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents</li> </ul> | been received. been received in Application No   | •   |
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| 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 6. ☑ Interview Summary   |   |
| <ul> <li>3. ☑ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/0 Paper No./Mail Date 6/9/04 and 12/8/04</li> <li>4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit</li> </ul>  | <u>-</u>   | nent/Comment ent of Reasons for Allowance                     |
| of Biological Material  | 9.  Other  | •   |
|   |  | JAMES M. HEWITT<br>PRIMARY EXAMINER                           |

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## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher Brody on 3/2/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

On page 1 of the specification, on the line immediately following the title, the sentence --This is a continuation of international application PCT/JP02/07053, with an international filing date of 7/11/02, which is now abandoned.—

In claim 4 line 1, "the end" has been replaced with --an end--.

In claim 4 line 3, "end" has been deleted.

In claim 5 line 1, "the end" has been replaced with --an end--.

In claim 5 line 3, "end" has been deleted.

In claim 6 line 1, "the end" has been replaced with -- an end--.

In claim 6 line 3, "end" has been deleted.

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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose, singly or in combination, a threaded joint for pipes as claimed in detail in claims 1, 2 and 3.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the limitations posited in the last two paragraphs of the claim.

Regarding claim 2, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the limitations posited in the last paragraph of the claim.

Regarding claim 3, the prior art fails to teach or fairly suggest the limitations posited in the last two paragraphs of the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James M Hewitt whose telephone number is 703-305-0552. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 930am-600pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Stodola can be reached on 703-308-2686. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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